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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
MANFRED ASSMUS ET AL : EXAMINER: SELLERS  
SERIAL NO: New Application : GROUP ART UNIT: 1501  
FILED: Herewith :  
FOR: THERMOPLASTIC COATING AND:  
BINDING AGENT FOR MEDICINAL  
FORMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Preliminary to an action on the merits of this case,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 to  
20 to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method of coating and binding an oral  
or dermal medicinal composition, comprising applying a  
thermoplastic coating and binding agent in a hot-melt liquid  
state to said oral or dermal medicinal composition, followed  
by cooling to solidify the thermoplastic coating and binding  
agent, wherein said thermoplastic coating and binding agent  
consists essentially of  
[containing] ~~comprises~~ a non-homogeneous mixture of, based on  
100% by weight of A and B: